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For: METHOD FOR THE FORMATION OF A GOOD CONTACT SURFACE ON A  
CATHODE SUPPORT BAR AND SUPPORT BAR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that prior to fee calculations and examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. More specifically, all of the claims, Claims 1-18 have been amended for the first time.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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